I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The BiennialReview of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To change the present rules to allow a more concentrated ownership of media outlets will limit open discussion and presentation of public opinion. In effect, it will take away our right of free speech by narrowing the the option to have diverse opinions presented.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question.

Thank you,

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